



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 5:34 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Vice Chair
Cindy Schiesel, Chair
Joaquin Murrieta
Michael Elsner

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent Members:

Ed Ware
Evelyn Alvarez

Ward 1
Ward 3

Advisory Members Present:

Jennifer Lopez

Absent Advisory Members:

None

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department
Robert Barton, Police Auditor
Steve Beller, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Michael Rankin, City Attorney
Gioia Sita, City Attorney's Office
Lieutenant JT Turner, Tucson Police Department
Officer Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department
Stacy Semas, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Notes of June 19, 2007

Motion by Chair Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 to approve the minutes of June 19, 2007 with amendments.

3. First Call to the Audience

Michael Rankin, City Attorney, introduced Gioia Sita as the City Attorney's Office staff support.

4. Discussion of Attendance Requirements Pursuant to Section 10A-89, Paragraph E, of the City of Tucson Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Rules and Regulations.

The Board asked Michael Rankin, City Attorney, if they could request an implementation of approved leave for the Board members from the Mayor and Council.

Michael Rankin, City Attorney, stated that was something the Board could bring before the Mayor and Council but it would involve a change in the Tucson Code.

5. General Report from West Division and Discussion of Problems Related to Neighborhood Associations in the Area.

Lieutenant JT Turner gave a presentation regarding the West Division and discussed some obstacles that the Police Department faced and how they were overcoming them regarding crime in certain areas.

6. Office of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report

Robert Barton, Police Auditor, stated the office had given a presentation at the Citizen Police Academy a few weeks ago.

B. Monthly Contacts

Robert Barton, Police Auditor, explained the new format of the IPR report to the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board.

The Board requested to review the cases that the Independent Police Auditor's judgement was different from the Office of Internal Affairs.

7. Tucson Police Department

A. TPD Updates

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department, announced that on July 8, 2007 the new boundaries of the police divisions were established and he was happy to say that the service had no interruption.

B. Office of Internal Affairs

No report given.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations

1. Case #06-0633

Motion made by Chair Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #06-0633 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case #07-0171

Motion made by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #07-0171 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case # 07-0177

Motion made by Chair Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #07-0177 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Recess

By consensus, the Board decided to forego a recess.

10. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for June 2007.

The Board questioned some of the items on the report that stated they were closed but no contact was made with the individual.

Officer Meredith Gierke explained that she had left messages with the individual. She stated she had waited a reasonable time before closing out the complaint.

11. Discussion of CPARB Procedures and Direction to Meet Its Obligation to the Public as set forth in Tucson City Code, Section 10A-86 *et seq.*, and of Propriety and/or Desirability of Requesting an Amendment of Those Provisions to Expand CPARB's Authority; and Formation of a Subcommittee.

The Board requested historical information on the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board to be compiled by staff.

Motion made by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, to continue this item until September, carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

12. Report from TPD Concerning Transcript Production and Dissemination with Regards to OIA Cases.

Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department, stated the Police Department had eighteen Transcriptionists and the Office of Internal Affairs had an opening for one Transcriptionist. She also stated that she would be working with chain of command to get a better idea how the long the process takes.

13. Review of Interview Questions and Applicant Letters in Regard to Selection Process for Advisory Board Members as Set Forth in Section 10A-137.

Susan Thornton suggested rearranging the questions in the interview to bring a little more balance.

The Board agreed.

The Board suggested recommending Jennifer Lopez, who is currently an Advisory Board Member, to the Ward 1 and Ward 3 office for the opening as a Voting Board Member.

Motion made by Cindy Schiesel, duly seconded, to forward the recommendation of Jennifer Lopez to the Ward 1 and Ward 3 office, passed by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

14. Second Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

15. Report from the Chair/Announcements

Chair Schiesel reminded the Board of the training day in October 27, 2007.

16. Future Agenda Items

Chair Schiesel requested the Tucson Police Department give a presentation on the Eastside Division and to also present statistics regarding an increase/decrease in criminal activity.

17. Adjournment –6:45 p.m.